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Interview Summary

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Applicant(s)

ZENG ET AL.

Examiner

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Khanh B. Pham, Primary Examiner.

(3) Beatrice L. Koempel-Thomas, Applicant's Attorney.

(2) Jessica N. Le, Examiner.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 22 August 2007.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, and 12.

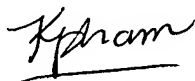
Identification of prior art discussed: Bowman et al. (US Patent Number 6,006,225) and Adar et al. (US Patent Number 7,136,876).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

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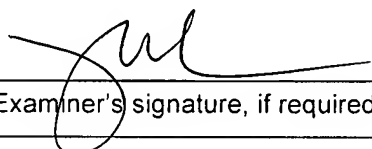
(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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KHANH B. PHAM
PRIMARY EXAMINER

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Applicant's representative, Ms. Beatrice L. Koempel-Thomas, explained the term "suggested term" and "term/phrase frequency of occurrence (FOO)" (Spec. page 2, paragraphs [0024] & [0025] as shown in Table 1). Ms. Koempel-Thomas also remarked that cited art (Bowman) does not disclose or suggest the term suggestions, "term clusters", "FOO", and limitation of claim 12. Examiners interpreted how the prior arts (Bowman and Adar) are matched with the claim limitations. Examiners also suggested that the claimed invention needs more focusing on the term "multi-sense query", "confidence values", and threshold limitation (minimum and maximum). No agreement was reached in this interview. However, further consideration and search are required upon receiving official amendment.